

All: Let us listen to the angels' song again, your song of love for this world.
Move us to return that song in what we say and do, that we may be instruments of your hope and peace and joy and love.

One: and who taught us when we pray to say, Our Father...

Offering our Gifts

Offering plates can be found in the narthex. Electronic gifts are welcome by e-transfer to contactus@riverbendunited.org or on the church website. We give in gratitude for God's grace and in hope that peace may spread to all.

*Hymn Joy is Now in Every Place

VU 45

*Benediction

**denotes you are invited to stand as you are able and inclined*

"VU" refers to the red hardback hymnal *Voices United*

"MV" refers to the spiral bound songbook *More Voices*

Join us in January 2026 for a Contemplative Practice Series, led by Graham Gaine. Meeting in the Chapel from 9:30 to 10:20 a.m. Sunday mornings beginning January 4th, the group will be introduced to a variety of spiritual practices. Each meeting will include 10-15 minutes of silent group meditation, audio and video recordings introducing contemplative practices, and group discussion (choir members may wish to join from 9:30 to 10:00 a.m. to participate in silent meditation before choir rehearsal).

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Riverbend United Church

December 28, 2025

10:30 a.m.



28th December 2025

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements Carolyn Miller

Call to Worship Dawn Power

One: Light shines from the stable, and the star illuminates the sky.

All: The Christ Child is here: Welcome, Prince of Peace, Mighty Counsellor, Emmanuel.

One: The sound of a newborn baby fills the air.

All: Let us give thanks for the Christ Child, who continues to find new and surprising ways to take root in our lives.

One: The child of God, in human form, is with us.

All: With joyful hearts, we offer worship and praise.

Introit Behold, Behold, I Make All Things New MV 115

Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, we thank You for the peace, joy, and love that You have given us this season.

We thank you for revealing yourself to us as a newborn child lying in a manger.

A child that is our beacon, our refuge, our hope.

We thank you for blessing us as we worship today.

We thank you for allowing us to see the light of your glory.

Please help us to reflect Your light faithfully into the world; a world that needs Your light right now more than ever.

This we pray to You, The Prince of Peace. Amen.

Mission and Service Story

*Hymn *All Poor Ones and Humble* VU 68

Video *The Christmas Story* Go Chatter Video

*Hymn *Go, Tell it on the Mountain* VU 43

Scripture *Isaiah 42:1-4*
Psalm 148 VU 871
Ephesians 2: 19-22

*Hymn *Angels, from the Realms of Glory* VU 36

Reflection *"Setting the Scene"* Dawn Power
"Transforming Lives" Carolyn Miller

Hymn *Will You Come and See the Light* VU 96

Sharing our Joys and Concerns

Hymn *Hope is a Star vss. 1 and 4* VU 7

Prayer of the People (unison) (written by Andy O'Neil from UCC resource: Stories behind the Carols)

One: pray for your people and your world.

Two: the purpose and promise of life together.

All: We give thanks also for the gifts of this season: hope for the vision of justice you promise, even in the midst of despair; for peace within and among your people, even in the midst of conflict; joy found in reunion and celebration, even amid the challenges of this life; and love, with the power to transform and heal all things, even in the midst of brokenness.

One: for those who are ill, in body or in spirit...

Two: for your people and your world, we pray, O God.